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Postal Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

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Re: Appeal the Closing of the Post Office
Located in Pace, Mississippi, Bolivar County

POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Postal Service Regulatory Commissioner:

As a concerned citizen and as the Clerk of the Town of Pace, MS, a municipality, I do hereby protest the closing of the postal service located in Pace, Mississippi. Due to the serious impact it would have on the lives of the residents and Town business matters, the closing of the postal service would inconvenience the people and the Pace Town Hall in many ways.

The Town of Pace Mississippi has had a postal office building well over 70 years. The Town of Pace, Mississippi and the majority of people in the Town have economic problems. Many do not have transportation, are on government assistance and live in mobile homes. The closing would inconvenience the elderly, the sick and as well as the young. The hindrance of traveling to another location just to obtain mail, stamps, money orders, etc would be an unnecessary out-of-pocket expense. Also, taking into consideration the gas prices, this would cause a strain on the people. The community has expressed concern about mail being taken stolen from their boxes, particularly the elderly, should they have to resort to mail boxes in front of their homes.

The Pace Town Hall in Pace MS would be greatly impacted due to receiving, delivering, and purchasing accountable mail affiliated with town business matters. The Town Clerk sends out monthly water card correspondence, bills, tax correspondence and various other mail to the public and vendors. The Town receives volumes of heavy books, literature, magazines and various other items purchased through the mail for office use. The Town purchases over 500 regular stamps and over 300 post card stamps on a monthly basis for Town business. The inconveniences of not having a postal service have not been budgeted and therefore, would be added expenses for the Town. The inconveniences of not having a postal service building in the Town would also add to the many duties and responsibilities that the Town Clerk already have. Instead of walking next door, the Clerk would have to travel to another location to deliver, receive or purchase postal service mail items for the Town. Please allow the Town of Pace Post Office building to continue in the Town of Pace. We desperately need this post office building in our community.

With Sincere Appreciation,


Curtissia W. Allen, Town Clerk

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